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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1644

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Examiner: Gerald Ewoldt

APPLICATION NO: 09/770,002

FILED: JANUARY 25, 2001

FOR: USE OF CD25 BINDING MOLECULES IN THE TREATMENT OF  
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS OR SKIN DISEASESCommissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

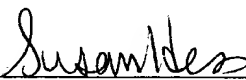
The Office Action of April 28, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on July 28, 2003. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$930 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: October 28, 2003

  
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